

Long Range Planning in Redmond



Planning....

- Is describing and achieving what you want your community to be in the future
- Begins with creating the vision
 - Your Future - Probable, Possible, Preferred
 - Can it be achieved?
 - What will it take?
 - How long will it take?
- Develop the plan
- Implement and evaluate progress

Thinking about the future

- Where do we live?
- Where do we work?
- Where do we shop?
- How do we travel?
- What do we treasure about our neighborhoods and community?
- What would we like to improve?

Planning for Redmond's Future

Milestones	City's population
• 1940s: First zoning ordinance in Redmond	530
• 1980s: First neighborhood plan	23,000
• 1990s: Plan update in response to Growth Management Act	36,000
• 2000s: First major update to GMA Comprehensive Plan	45,000

Redmond Today

- 50,700 residents
- 82,000 employees
- Residential Neighborhoods
- 2 Urban Centers
- Microsoft, Nintendo, Genie, Redmond Town Center
- Other Employment Areas
- 34 Parks and 25 miles of trails
- 17.6 sq miles

How Do We Begin?

- GMA – provides structure for the Plan and Regulations
- State provides population forecasts and oversight
- Countywide Planning Policies
 - Designate Urban Areas
 - Growth and transportation strategies
 - Housing and job targets
 - Topics of regional interest
- Local Plans Accommodate within their Vision



Community Goals

- **Conserve** agricultural and rural areas; protect the natural environment
- Retain and enhance Redmond's **distinctive character** and high quality of life
- Emphasize **choices** in housing, transportation, stores and services.
- Support vibrant **concentrations** of commercial, residential and recreational activity in Downtown and Overlake.
- Maintain a strong economy, and provide a **business climate** that helps retain and attract companies
- Promote a variety of **community gathering places** and diverse **cultural opportunities**.
- Provide convenient, safe and environmentally friendly **transportation connections**
- Remain a **community of good neighbors**, working together and with others to implement a common vision for the future



Elements of Redmond's Plan

- Goals, Vision and Framework Policies
- Community Character, Historic Preservation
- Natural Environment
- Land Use
- Housing
- Economic Vitality
- Human Services
- Transportation
- Parks, Recreation and Arts
- Utilities, Capital Facilities
- Neighborhoods, Downtown
- Annexation and Regional Planning
- Participation and Implementation
- Shoreline Master Program

Keys to the Process

- The Plan Must Balance
 - Your vision and plan elements
 - Needed infrastructure
 - Available revenues and resources
- Is iterative and must stay consistent
- Needs to be achievable

How do we achieve the plan?

- Regulations
 - Policy is Intent
 - Development regulations are law
 - They must be consistent
- Other implementing actions
 - Functional plans
 - Project development
 - Capital investments
 - Other studies

Your participation is the key

During plan update

- Vision, goals, plan

Following plan update

- Feedback on capital investments
- Participation on special studies, projects
- Indicators program
 - Surveys - feedback on how we're doing